

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Ralf HIMMELREICH, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3167
Application No.: 10/577,721 : Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: May 02, 2006 : Examiner: Teresa Strzelecka
For: A RAPID AND LOW COST METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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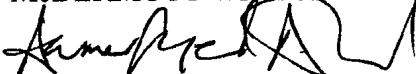
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2009, now due to expire December 30, 2009, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on February 28, 2010.

Please charge the extension fee of \$490.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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